GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CAMPS FOR AUGMENTATION OF EXPLORATION/ DRILLING WORKS IN COAL FIELDS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government has set up camps in various places for augmentation of exploration/drilling works in the coalfields and also studying geo-mining condition in the area;

(b) If so. the details of such camps ;

(c) Whether camps have also been set for the said purpose in ECL and BCCL; and

(d) If so. the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Central Mine Planing & Design Institute Ltd.(CMPDIL) has set up drilling camps in the command areas of each subsidiary of Coal India Limited(CIL). These camps cater to the need of exploration within the command area of each subsidiary company, according to the Annual Plan of Exploration. The objective includes exploration of coal blocks and providing production support by way of exploratory drilling in the existing mines/projects. Singareni Collieries` Company Limited (SCCL), has set up exploration camps in various places of Godavari Valley Coalfield/Andhra Pradesh for augmentation of exploration work for coal The geo-mining conditions are also being studied in new blocks during exploration stage in addition to the hydro-geological and environmental studies.

(b) Presently a total of 22 CMPDIL drilling camps are existing in the command of Areas of different subsidiaries of CIL as given below:

	No. of Camps
Eastern Coalfields Ltd	4
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd	1
Central Coalfields Ltd.	3
Western Coalfields Ltd.	4
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd	5
Northern Coalfields Ltd	1
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd	3
North-EastCoalfields	-1

The SCCL is conducting detailed geological exploration works for coal in four districts of Andhra Pradesh viz Khammam, Karimnagar, Warangal and Adilabad districts with 3 Regional Headquarters located at:

1.Kothagudem/Khammam District.

2.Ramagundam/Karimnagar District.

3.Bellampalli/Adilabad District.

The exploration/drilling activities in SCCL are being conducted under two heads:

1.Detailed Exploratory drilling for establishing additional coal reserves from virgin/new coal bearing areas for opening new mines.

2.Production Support/ Developmental Exploration for on going mines. For the above purpose the following camps are set up in three region:

Region	VIRGIN AREAS DETAILED EXPLORATIN	MINES DEVELOPMENTAL EXPLORATION
1. Kothagudem Gundala/Khamman - Production Support	Drilling/Kothagudem	
2.Ramagundem Bhoopalpalli/Warangal Production Support	Drilling/Ramagundam & Bhoopalpalli	
3.Bellampalli Ramakrrishnapur/Adilabad Production Support Bellarnpalli shaft Block/	Drilling/Bellampalli	

There are 18 drills for virgin area detailed exploration and 7 drills are for mines developmental exploration.

(c)&(d) In BCCL area, CMPDIL has set up one drilling camp in July 2004. In ECL area four drilling camps are under operation at present. In 2004-05, exploratory drilling has been concluded in the area around Barmondia drilling camp of ECL and camp has been shifted to BCCL area for taking up exploration of new coking coal blocks. No drilling camp existed in BCCL area for the last eight years. In ECL area four drilling camps are still under operation. These camps will meet the need of exploration in ECL command area.